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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-11.

Please add the following new claims:

A nucleoside comprising a ribose comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety at the 2' position.